

LITTLE COLORED AMERICANS

Self-respect cannot be cultivated in any family which lives in one room.

The genius is always the man who knows what not to say at the right time.

The lime light should be turned on the characters of our ministers and leaders.

Extended interest throughout the country is apparent in the recent conference at Tuskegee.

Pastoral visits of some of our clergymen are most frequent where the dear sisters rush the growler.

Who knows whether there are any Negroes in Venezuela, and if so, how many, and what are they doing?

The southern Negro is away ahead of his northern brother in enterprise, in spite of his unfavorable conditions.

The injunction to fear God and love your fellow-men of course includes women. But one at a time, please.

A young man can best develop self-denial and thrift by assuming some financial obligation, and living up to his promises.

The New England Negroes are agitating the propriety of holding a suffrage convention at Cleveland, Ohio in June next.

Fathers and mothers, where do your boys spend their evenings? Look them up and perhaps save yourselves years of regret and grief.

The United States has been patient with Santo Domingo. Minister Powell is untangling the diplomatic hard knots without the aid of a gunboat.

Secretary Root's statement that Negro suffrage was a failure though misunderstood, has probably done the race more harm than the vaporings of Hayes.

The preservation of the morals of the next generation of fathers and mothers depends first upon our making their home life happy and attractive now.

Agriculture is after all the noblest pursuit. Tuskegee will educate the hand that holds the plough not less than the head that plans the succession of crops.

Pulpit and college alike grow more servile to rich men as the years go by. Both, cap in hand, cringe before the almighty dollar "that thrift may follow fawning."

The prospect that all fortunes in excess of \$10,000,000 will be forfeited to the government has up to date brought no single protest from any of our subscribers.

The New Orleans police do not tackle the Negro directly now. They first smoke him out and then kill him. Afterwards they inquire what he is charged with.

If the South Carolina Courts give Jim Tillman, the murderer of Gonzales, the full extent of the law, the southern white man may not be quite so ready with his gun hereafter.

It is all very well to advise the Negro to get rich, but with all his superior advantages, only about one white man in a thousand gets by. Cut and come again for the black man.

The railroad and traction companies are enemies more deadly to the Jim Crow car than the Negro himself. To supply separate accommodations for

the two races is expensive, and the companies are not in the business for their health only.

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Yours for success,

ROBERT SMALLS.

A COLORED OPERA HOUSE

Prof Theodore Drury The Brilliant Actor Singer at The Head of The Movement

Mr. Theodore Drury wishes to announce that he has at last gained possession of the ground in New York City upon which he intends to build an opera house for colored people. He is going to organize a stock company, and all those wishing to take stock will please write him at 217 East 59th St. New York. The stock will be sold at \$100 per share.

The opera house will be built to accommodate principally our local entertainments, and will have all the latest improvements in stage arrangements, etc. There will be a dance hall attached, bar, dining room, and everything to make it comfortable and elegant. The prospects of the production of Aida this season on May 11th, point to an overwhelming artistic success. The engagement of Mrs. Estelle Clough, of Worcester, Mr. Drury is very gratified to announce, as he considers her one of the greatest prima donnas of the race, both musically and vocally; also Mr. Geo. C. Ruffin, of Boston. In the second act will appear a ballet which he hopes will be an improvement on last season as rehearsals have begun. The usual reception and dance will follow the opera. Owing to the length of the opera the audience is requested to be seated at 8:20 precisely.

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